

2022 Outreach Summary

This document provides a summary of outreach events and activities led by Land & Water Resources Department staff. In addition to these events, we support park friends group's and other conservation group's events that are not reflected in this summary.

Recurring Programs and General Announcements:

- **Plant Dane** - 28060 plants sold at plant sale. 10,000+ native plants donated to school and community projects through plant sale and volunteer grower program.
- The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board approved a donation of a bike trail in Lake Kegonsa State Park from Dane County at their April 13th meeting.
- **Conservation Awareness Poster Contest** "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life" 27 entries from students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Presentations

- January 24 – "Plant Dane/Adopt A Storm Drain" presentation at the Sustainable Stoughton Meeting (Christal Campbell)
- Feb 10 - "Recent Progress in Watershed Management in Dane County, Wisconsin" presentation to the UW-Madison Watershed Management class (Matt Diebel)
- Feb 16 – "Managing Manure" presentation at the BFF Manure Management meeting (Amy Piaget)
- Feb 23 – "Fitting Cover Crops into your Rotation" presentation to farmers at the Wisconsin Cover Crop Conference (Marie Raboin)
- Feb 24 – "You, Me, & the USLE" virtual webinar (All Water Resource Engineering division staff)
- March 4 - "Outside the Box: Creative Ways to Leverage Partnerships, Funding and Resources to Further Conservation Efforts" presentation at the WI Land and Water Conference (Kyle Minks)
- March 8 - "Native Plants for Wildlife and Water Quality" presentation to the VA Farms & Gardens Virtual Garden Club (Theresa Nelson)
- March 10 – "Legacy Sediment" presentation at the WDNR TMDL Coordination Meeting (John Reimer/Kyle Minks)
- March 10 – "Recreational Opportunities" Dane County Public Informational Meeting on Waste & Renewables Sustainability Campus (Joleen Stinson / Chris James)
- March 10 – "Conservation Programs and Cover Crops" presentation to farmers in Paoli University (Marie Raboin)

- March 11 – “How to get started: Building a simple web application with R Shiny” presentation at the American Water Resources Association - Wisconsin Chapter Annual Meeting (Matt Diebel)
- April-20 - “Dane County Land & Water Resources Department” presentation to Zoology 677: Internships in Ecology at UW Madison (Amy Piaget)
- April-21 - Volunteer Opportunities within the DCP System” presentation to Master Naturalists (Claire Lamberg)
- April-21 – “Recent Progress in Watershed Management in Dane County, Wisconsin” Nelson Institute Earth Day Panel (Matt Diebel)
- April-22 - Tajikistan Adventure Tourism in the United States Panel Discussion with Destination Madison (Joleen Stinson)
- April-23 - Sugar River Streambank Restoration Meeting (Katie Nicholas)
- May 15 – “Introduction to Stormwater: Impacts and Solutions” Virtual and in person to the Stoughton Rotary Club Meeting (Claudia Guy)
- June 7 – “Key Water Definitions of NR 151” Webinar for the NR 151 Training Webinar Series (Landon Baumgartner)
- August 9 – “Production Site Contaminant Sources: Case Studies and Discussions from the Field” Webinar for the NR 151 Training Webinar Series (Landon Baumgartner)
- Aug 9 – “Introduction to Stormwater: Impacts and Solutions” at the Stoughton Rotary Club (Claudia Guy)
- Sept 7 – Multiple presentations for the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association Region Meeting, including the Solar improvements, the Lower Yahara River Trail, and the seed collection program (Joleen Stinson/Shane Otto/ Chris James/Lars Higdon/Claire Lamberg)
- Sept 10 – “Summary of Restoration work on County Lands, including Brigham Park” at the Blue Mounds Area Project Annual Picnic (Lars Higdon)
- Sept 14 – “Bike Dane Update” annual presentation for local units of government and the public to discuss status of regional bike trail projects that are currently being planned or developed (Chris James)
- Sept 21 – “Overview of Dane County Parks” at the Anderson Park Friends Annual Meeting (Joleen Stinson)
- Sept 29 – “Overview of Current Regional Trail Projects Led by Dane County” presentation with Joe Parisi at the Healthy Communities Summit. Included information about other initiatives to promote healthy and outdoor lifestyles for County residents (Chris James)
- Sept 30 – “Outdoor Recreation Wellness Benefits” at the Wisconsin Healthy Communities Summit (Joleen Stinson)
- Oct 5 – “Dane County Parks: Ecological Restoration & Volunteers” Virtual for the American Family Lunch and Learn (Claire Lamberg)
- Oct 6 – “Leaf-free Streets Program” at the McFarland Public Library (Christal Campbell)
- Oct 14 – “Land and Water Resources Management in Dane County” with the UW Planning and Landscape Architecture class (Kyle Minks/Pete Jopke)
- Oct 17 – “Natural Areas Program Overview and Volunteer Opportunities” at the Green Tree Garden Club (Lars Higdon)

- Oct 18 – “Resources for funding NR 151 Solutions” webinar (Landon Baumgartner)
- Nov 5 – “Updates from Dane County Land & Water” at the Rock River Coalition Yahara Watershed Volunteer Gathering (Collin Roland / James Brodzeller)

Youth-focused Presentations

- March 22 - Storm Drain Mural Presentation to Randall Elementary School (Christal Campbell)
- March 24 - Storm Drain Mural Presentation to Spring Harbor Middle School (Christal Campbell)
- April 7 – “Stormwater Pollutions and Solutions” Jefferson Middle School Madison (Christal Campbell)
- April 19 - “Stormwater Pollutions and Solutions” Storm Drain Mural Presentation at Cottage Grove Elem School Cottage Grove (Christal Campbell)
- May-26 - Lincoln School Field Trip to the Sugar River Basco Unit (Matt Diebel)
- Aug 14 - Edgewood in the Community at W.G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park with Edgewood High School Students (Clare Carlson/Amy Cox)
- Sept 14 - Edgewood in the Community at Schumacher Farm with Edgewood High School Students (Claire Lamberg)
- Sept 15 – “Stormwater Pollution and Solutions” at the Mariposa Learning Center (Christal Campbell)
- Sept 27 – “Dane County Parks: Ecological Restoration & Volunteers” at Sun Prairie High School (Claire Lamberg & Shane Otto)
- Nov 1 – Oregon High School Water Quality Training (Pete Jopke/Katie Nicholas)
- Nov 8 – Making native plant milk jug greenhouses with the Outdoor Playgroup at the Monona Public Library (Susan Sandford)

Workshops and Training

- Jan 11 – Volunteer Training Series - Successful Event Planning, Social Media and Communications (Joleen Stinson/Lael Pascual/ Susan Sandford)
- January 24 - Wildfire/Prescribed Burn Training for volunteers (Shane Otto/Lars Higdon/Claire Lamberg)
- Jan 25 – Volunteer Training Series - Friends Group Organization and Incorporation (guest speaker)
- Feb 8 - Volunteer Training Series - Grant Writing Workshop (guest speaker)
- Feb 19 - Volunteer Training Series - Volunteer Recruitment, Management, & Projects (Claire Lamberg/ Lars Higdon)
- Feb 21 - Winter Trail Maintenance training at the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association's Annual Conference (Joleen Stinson / Bert Schwab / Eric Eisle)
- Feb 22 – Volunteer Training Series - Membership and Fundraising (guest speaker)
- March 1 - Volunteer Training Series - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Workshop (Lael Pascual, Claire Lamberg, Susan Sandford, Jess Starks)
- March 5 - Volunteer Training Series - Pesticide Applicator Training/Review Session with Certification Exam (Adam Alves)

- March 8 - Volunteer Training Series - Interpretive Signage and Design (guest speaker)
- March 8 – Native Landscaping: A Solution to Pollution Webinar (Christal Campbell/Theresa Nelson)
- May-17 - Certified Land Steward Orientation (Lars Higdon/Claire Lamberg)
- May-19 - Weeds & Wildflowers at Lake View Hill County Park (Lars Higdon)
- May-19 - UW Arboretum Empower U! Workshop (Christal Campbell)
- May 24 – Chainsaw Training - SAWW Level 1 (Claire Lamberg)
- June 8 - Weeds & Wildflowers at Indian Lake County Park (Lars Higdon)
- June 15 – Chainsaw Training - SAWW Level 1 (Claire Lamberg)
- June 16 – Chainsaw Training - SAWW Level 1 (Claire Lamberg)
- June 22 - Chainsaw Training - SAWW Level 2 (Claire Lamberg)
- June 23 - Chainsaw Training - SAWW Level 2 (Claire Lamberg)
- July 26 - A Beginner’s Guide to ISMTrack Workshop for Dane County Parks volunteers (Claire Lamberg)
- Aug 25 – Rain Garden Workshop for Friends of Lake Kegonsa and Kegonsa shoreline property owners (Susan Sandford/Christal Campbell)
- Sept 13 - ISMTrack Review and Practice Workshop for Dane County Parks volunteers (Claire Lamberg)
- Sept 15 – “It's all Impervious to Me: Redevelopment and Green Infrastructure Modeling Guidance” (Theresa Nelson/Kaci Coconate)
- Sept 17 - Habitat for Humanity Rain Garden Installation/Educational Event (Christal Campbell/Theresa Nelson)
- Sept 20/27 - Water Stewards Program with Sustain Dane (Christal Campbell)
- Oct 7 - Chainsaw Training - SAWW Level 1 (Claire Lamberg)
- Oct 8 - Chainsaw Training - SAWW Level 1 (Claire Lamberg)
- Oct 12 - Chainsaw Training - SAWW Level 2 (Claire Lamberg)
- Oct 13 - Chainsaw Training - SAWW Level 2 (Claire Lamberg)
- Nov 9 - ISMTrack/EDDMapS Apps Trainings (Claire Lamberg)
- Nov 13 – Native Plant Growing Workshop for Volunteer Growing Program (Susan Sandford and Theresa Nelson)

Community Events Hosted by the Department
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- Jan 22 - Winter Fun Outdoor Gear Demo and Fun Day with the Sierra Club at WG Lunney Lake Farm County Park (Lael Pascual/Micah Kloppenburg)
- July 10 - Environmental Fun Fair at the Lussier Family Heritage Center with a Rainfall Simulator Demo (Susan Sandford/Landon Baumgartner/Megan Sullivan/Calliana Wickus/Christal Campbell/Claudia Guy)
- July 23 - Youth Fishing Event at Stewart Lake County Park (Lael Pascual, Pete Jopke, Curt Diehl)
- August 8 - Full Moon Luminary Walk at the Lussier Family Heritage Center (Calliana Wickus)

- September 18 – Barks for Parks at Prairie Moraine Dog Park (Susan Sandford/Chad Haanen/Taylor Mason)
- Sept 24 - Rooted Harvest Festival with Rainfall Simulator and park info (Susan Sandford/ Laurie Lambert/ Landon Baumgartner)
- Oct 27 - Luminary Night Walk at the Lussier Family Heritage Center (Calliana Wickus)
- Monthly Disc Golf Popups with Karben4 Brewing and DCP Rangers June through September. Free discs to borrow and waived permit fees during the event.

Tabling/Participation in Community Events

- April-23 - Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event (Christal Campbell/Dane County Waste and Renewables)
- May 7 - Riversmith Fly Casting Clinic & Trout Days (Curt Diehl)
- June-16 - Dane County Breakfast on the Farm - Rainfall Simulators (Landon Baumgartner)
- July 29 – Cycle of a Butterfly table activity at Olbrich Gardens Butterfly Day (Megan Sullivan/Emily Reed/John Anderson/Calliana Wickus/Grace Henes)
- August 2- - Rainfall Simulator Demo and Parks table at the Waste and Renewables Open House (Landon Baumgartner/Laurie Lambert/Amy Cox)
- Sept 10 - Heritage Center nature activity at the Monarch Festival hosted by the Oregon Nature Alliance (Megan Sullivan)
- Sept 18 - Rainfall Simulator Demo at Schumacher Farm Heritage Fest (Landon Baumgartner/Curt Diehl)
- Oct 5 – Dane County Parks info table at the Verona Farmers Market (Amy Cox/Megan Sullivan)
- Nov 1 - Info table at the Black Earth Creek Watershed Association Public Informational Meeting (James Brodzeller/Katie Nicholas/Collin Roland)

Heritage Center Recurring Programs

Amy Cox, Megan Sullivan, Calliana Wickus, Micah Kloppenburg, and John Anderson

Get Outside! Community Center Programs:

- Goodman Center - Girls Inc – 1/18; 2/1; 3/1; 3/18; 6/22; 6/30; 7/6; 7/25; 7/26; 8/1; 10/17
- Bayview – 3/23; 4/6; 5/4; 5/18; 5/24; 7/14; 8/2; 9/14; 9/20; 9/27; 10/4; 10/11; 10/18; 10/25; 11/1; 11/8
- Bridge Lakepoint Waunona – 7/18; 8/8; 8/9; 9/12; 10/7; 10/10; 10/24; 11/7
- Kennedy-Heights Community Center – 1/31; 3/7; 4/4; 5/2; 5/23; 7/18; 7/27; 8/15; 9/13; 9/20; 10/26; 11/9

Outings with other partner organizations:

- March 4 – Tree Identification @ WG Lunney Lake Farm County Park with New Century School
- March 4 – Volunteer Brush Removal @ Gilman Mounds with Shabazz High School
- May 21-22 - Get Outside! IAT Backpacking Trip with East High School and Goodman Community Center (Amy Cox)
- June 23 – Canoeing with HoChunk Nation Youth
- Sept 10 – Autism Society Fishing Event @ Jenni & Kyle Preserve
- Oct 12 – Fall Colors Walk with the Verona Senior Center @ Badger Prairie County Park

Youth Volunteers for Conservation:

- Jan 8 –Woodland conservation @ Capital Springs Recreation Area
- Feb 12 –Woodland conservation @ Stewart Lake County Park
- Feb 19 - Backyard Bird Count @ WG Lunney Lake Farm County Park
- March 12 - Prairie Seeding @ Donald County Park

Paddle in the Parks

- June 15 - Goodland County Park
- June 23 - Falk Wells Sugar River Wildlife Area
- July 28 - Falk Wells Sugar River Wildlife Area
- August 11 – Black Earth Creek
- Sept 18 - Falk Wells Sugar River Wildlife Area
- Oct 9 – Lower Yahara River

“Learn To” and Adventure Programs:

- Learn to Fish – 6/24; 7/8; 7/22; 8/5; 8/19; 8/26
- Fishing Adventure –7/1; 7/15; 7/29; 8/5; 8/12
- Learn to Bike – 6/15; 6/22; 7/6; 7/20; 7/27; 8/3; 8/17; 8/24
- Biking Adventure – 6/29; 7/13

Pop-ups in the Park

- Jan 12 - Owl Walk @ Capital Springs Recreation Area
- Jan 24 – Snowshoe @ Token Creek County Park
- Feb 9 – Owl Walk @ Festge County Park
- Feb 11 - Snowshoe @ Badger Prairie County Park
- Feb 23 - Owl Walk @ Lewis Nine-Springs E-way
- Feb 25 – Snowshoe @ Festge County Park
- Sept 21 – Owl Walk @ Scheidegger Forest
- Oct 12 – Owl Walk @ Token Creen County Park
- Oct 19 – Owl Walk @ Indian Lake County Park

Lil Explorers Preschool Program

- English StoryTime – 6/7; 6/21; 7/5; 7/26; 8/16; 8/23; 8/30
- Spanish StoryTime – 6/14; 6/28; 7/12; 7/19; 8/2; 8/9
- Lil' Explorers Outdoor Adventure – 2/11; 6/3; 6/14; 7/1; 7/12; 8/5; 8/16; 9/2; 9/16; 10/7; 10/21

Junior Naturalist Mini Camps:

- Elementary S – session 1 – six classes
- Middle with Centro Hispano - six classes
- Elementary – session 2 – six classes
- Middle – seven classes

Volunteer Events

This includes events hosted or supported heavily by staff but is not a complete list of events hosted by parks friends groups or other conservation groups in the county.

(Lars Higdon/ Shane Otto/ Claire Lamberg/Grace Henes/Tom Klein/ Jaedan)

- Feb/March –prairie planting events at CamRock County Park; Walking Iron County Park, and Pheasant Branch Conservancy
- April 2 - Dog Park Cleanup
- July 20 – Aquatic Pond Cleanup at Jenni & Kyle Preserve
- 9 Restoration Workdays at Walking Iron County Park
- 67 Seed Collection Events at various County Park properties
- 3 days of prairie seed mixing, weighing and bagging with volunteers
- 30 Prairie Seed Cleaning Events
- 17 Prescribed Burns at various parks
- 12 Volunteer Restoration Workdays at various parks
- 5 tree and brush removal workdays at various park properties
- 2 Library native seed packing events

There is a new [DCP volunteer newsletter and email interest lists](#) so people interested in volunteering can get notices and information straight to their inbox.

Interviews/Print

- Sept 2 – “Mississippi River and Vegetation and Fishery in the Yahara chain of lakes” I-Heart Radio Outdoors (Pete Jopke)
- Sept 26 – “Alternative Land Management – Goats” NBC15 (Lael Pascual)
- Sept 27 – “Small farm pollution can slip through the cracks and be hard to enforce” Wisconsin Examiner (Amy Piaget)